

Coordinated Transit Committee Minutes

Date: Wednesday, May 16, 2018 10:30 a.m.

Location: MAPA Offices, Omaha, NE – Training Room

Voting Members in Attendance:

Chair:

Lisa Picker, Heartland Family Services

Vice Chair:

Ann Grober, City of Council Bluffs

Cliff Hall, Friendship Program

Rita Hamele, Crossroads of Western Iowa

Karen Jackson, City of Bellevue

Phil Johnson, Black Hills Works

Rob Koneck-Wilcox, Eastern Nebraska Community Action Partnership

Mark Lander, SWITA

Bob Matthews, Black Hills Works

Erin Porterfield, Heartland Workforce Solutions

Kelly Shadden, Metro Transit

Randy Stonys, ENHSA

Rich Surber, Lutheran Family Services

Associate Members in Attendance:

Emily Baarson, Metro

Robert Blair, UNO Omaha

Shauna Dahlgren, Easter Seals

John Davis, Happy Cab/zTrip

Smita Sharma, NDOT

MAPA Staff

Court Barber

Christina Brownell

Travis Halm

Megan Walker

1. Introductions –

Ms. Picker called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m., welcomed the committee, and introductions were made.

For CTC Approval –

2. Meeting Minutes – Action Item

Ms. Picker introduced the April 18, 2018 Meeting Minutes for approval and asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections.

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Ms. Grober MOTIONED to approve the April 18, 2018 minutes with the changes and corrections noted above.

Mr. Matthews SECONDED.

Motion passed.

3. Coordinated Transit Plan (CTP) – Action Item

Ms. Walker presented the final Coordinated Transit Plan to the committee for approval. Ms. Walker provided a brief review of the process and how the CTP was developed including Stakeholder Input, Identifying Needs and Gaps, Development of Goals and Evaluation/Development of the Scoring Rubric and Application. Ms. Walker reviewed the final document that includes goals/missions of the CTC and the sub-committee of the advocacy group, as well as the demographics mapping.

Mr. Stonys MOTIONED to approve the Coordinated Transit Plan.

Ms. Grober SECONDED.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Grober, Hall, Hamele, Jackson, Johnson, Koneck-Wilcox, Lander, Picker, Porterfield, Shadden, Stonys, Surber

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

Motion passed.

4. 5310 Project Selection Guide – Action Item

Mr. Court Barber presented to the committee the 5310 Project Selection criteria and Program Management Process (PMP) for approval. Kelly Shadden (Metro Transit) asked if there was any consideration to ensure that the organizations that are receiving vehicles through 5310 funding be required to participate in coordination (i.e. give rides). Staff stated that it is not a separate criteria but the selection process will encourage coordination and is considered in the evaluative efforts.

Mr. Lander MOTIONED to approve the 5310 Project Selection Guide.

Ms. Grober SECONDED.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Grober, Hall, Hamele, Jackson, Johnson, Koneck-Wilcox, Lander, Picker, Porterfield, Shadden, Stonys, Surber

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

Motion passed.

For CTC Discussion –

5. Easter Seals –

Ms. Shauna Dahlgren, Easter Seals Nebraska, presented to the committee. Ms. Dahlgren gave an overview of services that Easter Seals Nebraska offers. Camp, Respite & Recreation services is for individuals ages 5+ with any type of disability and includes typical summer camp activities and are accommodated to fit the needs of any campers disability. Easter Seals offers Financing Solutions and assist individuals with financial education and low interest loan programs. The Nebraska AgrAbility program promotes independence for individuals that want to continue farming and ranching with a disability or health condition. The workforce related services include the Nebraska Ticket to Work program and benefits planning services. The Nebraska Ticket to Work Program provides services such as resume writing, job placement assistance, job retention services, etc. The Benefits Planning services address the effects of work and other life situations will have on disability benefits programs. This allows individuals to make informed choices about work.

6. Metro Transit –

Ms. Emily Baarson, Metro Transit, provided an update on the Transit Development Plan (TDP). Ms. Baarson provided a brief review of the transit timeline from 2012 to current; and a review of expectations, goals, schedule and deliverables for the TDP.

7. 5310 Update –

In the interest of saving time, Mr. Barber stated he send out a 5310 update to the committee after the meeting.

8. Region Wide Trip Calendar

Ms. Smita Sharma, Mobility Manager NDOT, previewed the state's new Region Wide Trip Calendar.

9. Additional Business

Ms. Picker stated the Education and Advocacy group will meet at 9:30 a.m. on June 20th. The group has been meeting and has partnered with others to create a video highlighting the transportation challenges of three targeted groups (disabled, elderly and individuals living in poverty).

10. Next Meeting

The next CTC meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m. on June 20th. This meeting will be located in the MAPA Board Room.

11. Adjourn

Ms. Picker adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.